

Waylandifying Chromium - From Downstream To Shipping

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About Igalia

- Worker-owned; employee-run Open Source consultancy company; based in Galicia, Spain.



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- ~90 employees around the world.
- Areas of expertise:
 - **Browsers and Client-side Web Technologies**
 - *Chromium/Blink, WebKit (WPE & WebKitGTK+), Firefox and Servo*
 - **Graphics Pipeline and Rendering Technologies**
 - *Hardware accelerated 3D APIs, Mesa open source OpenGL (ES), Vulkan drivers, and more*
 - **Compilers and Programming languages**
 - *JavaScript Contributor through TC39*
 - *V8, JavaScriptCore, ChakraCore, SpiderMonkey*
 - **Multimedia**
 - *GStreamer, VA-API, MediaSDK, and more*
 - **Embedded Linux and Device Drivers**
 - *From Graphics to Networking*
 - **Accessibility Tools and Technologies**
 - *Assistive Technologies in Chrome, Firefox or Safari*
 - **Virtualization and Cloud**
 - *QEMU/KVM, CEPH*

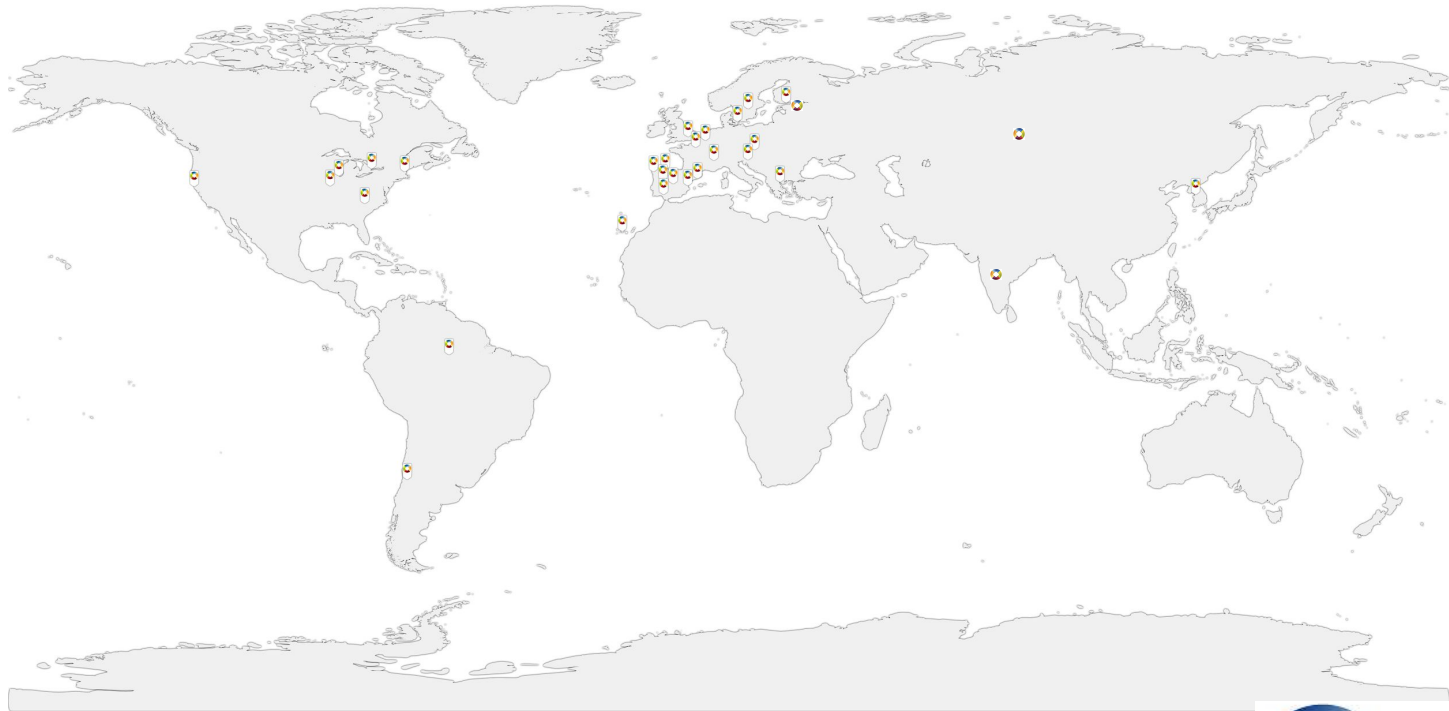


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- **World Wide Web Consortium (W3C)**
 - *Co-chairs the W3C's ARIA working group*
- **Linux Foundation**
 - *Also Member of Automotive Grade Linux Steering Committee*
- **Khronos Group**
 - *Participates actively in the Khronos Conformance Testing Working Group focusing on the OpenGL, OpenGL ES, and Vulkan APIs*
- **ECMA**
 - *Chairs the ECMA JavaScript TC39 group*
- **WHATWG**
- **GENIVI® Alliance**
- **Software Freedom Conservancy (SFC), Electronic Frontier Foundation (EFF), AGASOL**



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History of the Project



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- **Started in May, 2016**
 - Intel's Wayland implementation was not suitable for upstream.
- **Was initially based on Mus+Ash project**
 - UI as a service.
- **Moved to downstream in March, 2017.**
 - Unclear future of the Mus+Ash project.
- **Was finally decided to use a direct Aura integration in April, 2018.**
 - **Aura** - Chromium's own windowing system
 - Moved back to upstream
- **Mus+Ash was finally discontinued in 2019.**
 - Not really related to the current project, but fact.
- **Ozone is part of regular Chrome/Chromium builds since September, 2020.**
 - *Ozone can be enabled with "--enable-features=UseOzonePlatform --ozone-platform=wayland/x11" runtime flag.*
- **Ozone is default on Linux - H2/2021 (hopefully).**
 - Non-Ozone/X11 (legacy X11) path is removed.

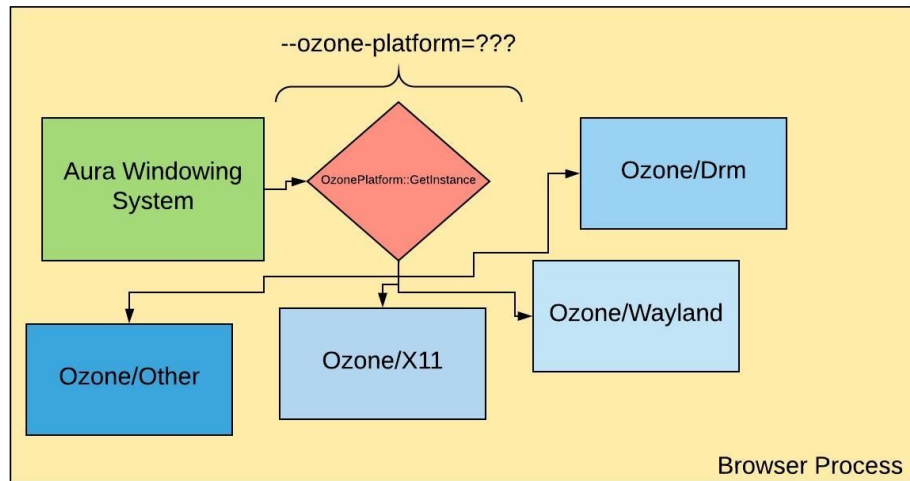


What is Ozone?



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- **Abstraction layer beneath the Aura window system.**
 - Aura - Chromium's window system
- **Goal - make porting of Chromium to other platforms easy:**
 - Interfaces, not ifdefs:
 - ~~#if defined(USE_X11)~~
 - Flexible interfaces:
 - No overly prescriptive interfaces.
 - Runtime binding of platforms:
 - One binary == many backends.
 - Easy out-of-tree platforms:
 - Support for different backends.

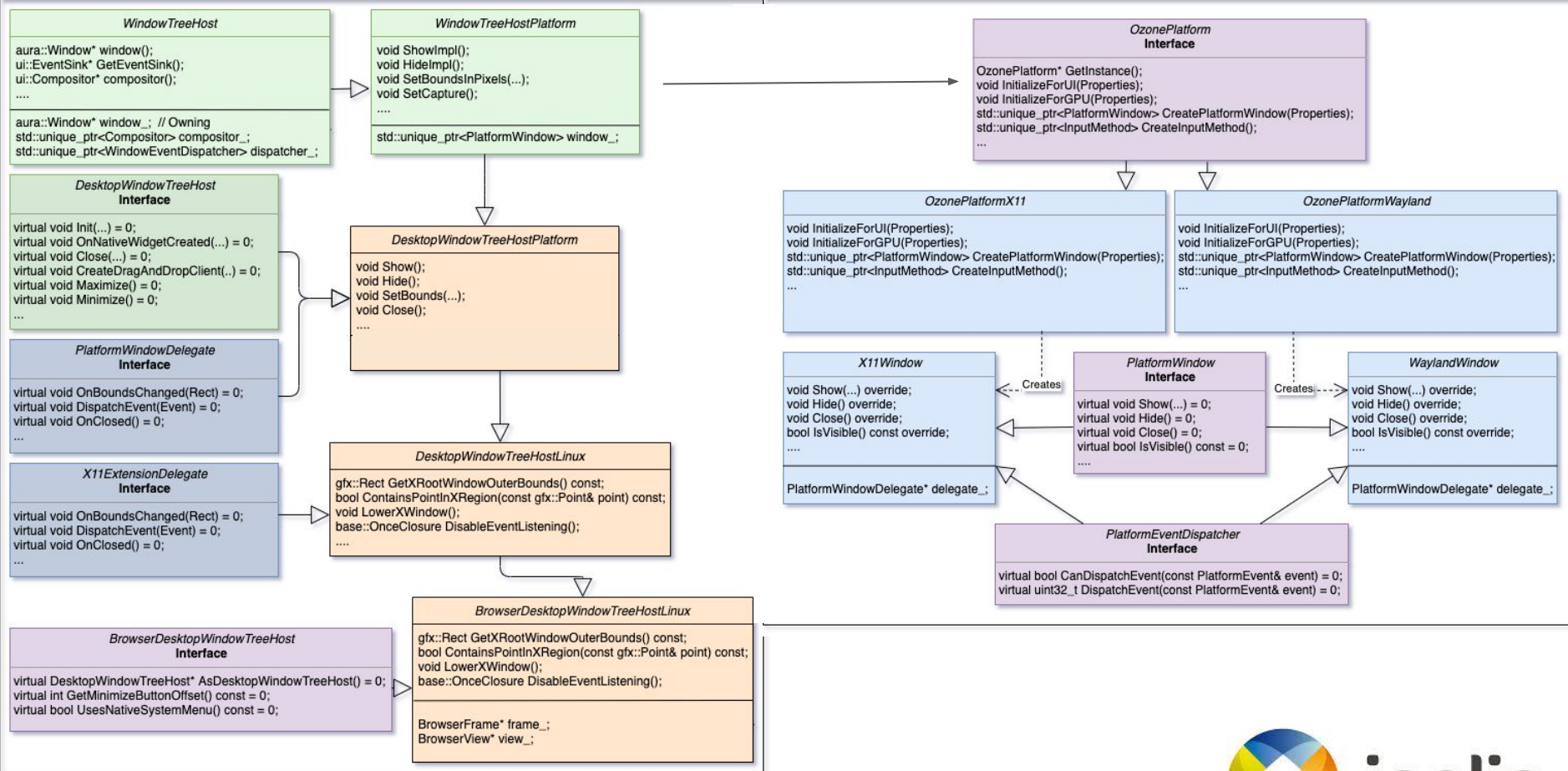


How Ozone Integrates Inside Chromium



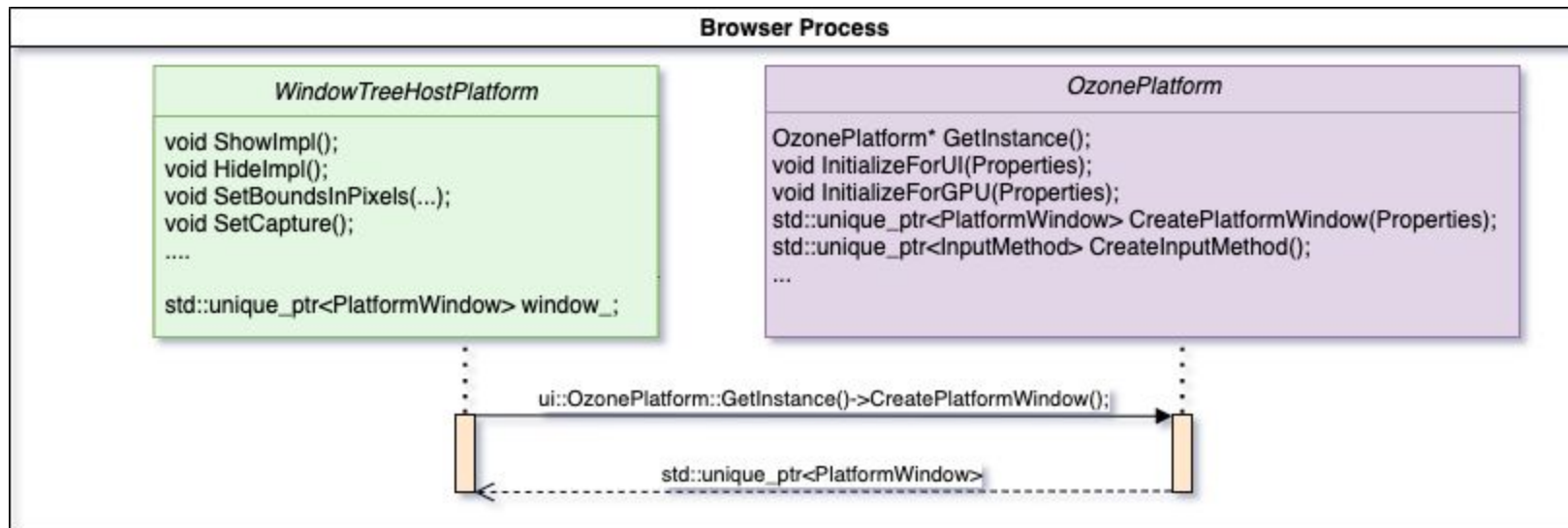
Aura/Ozone Design

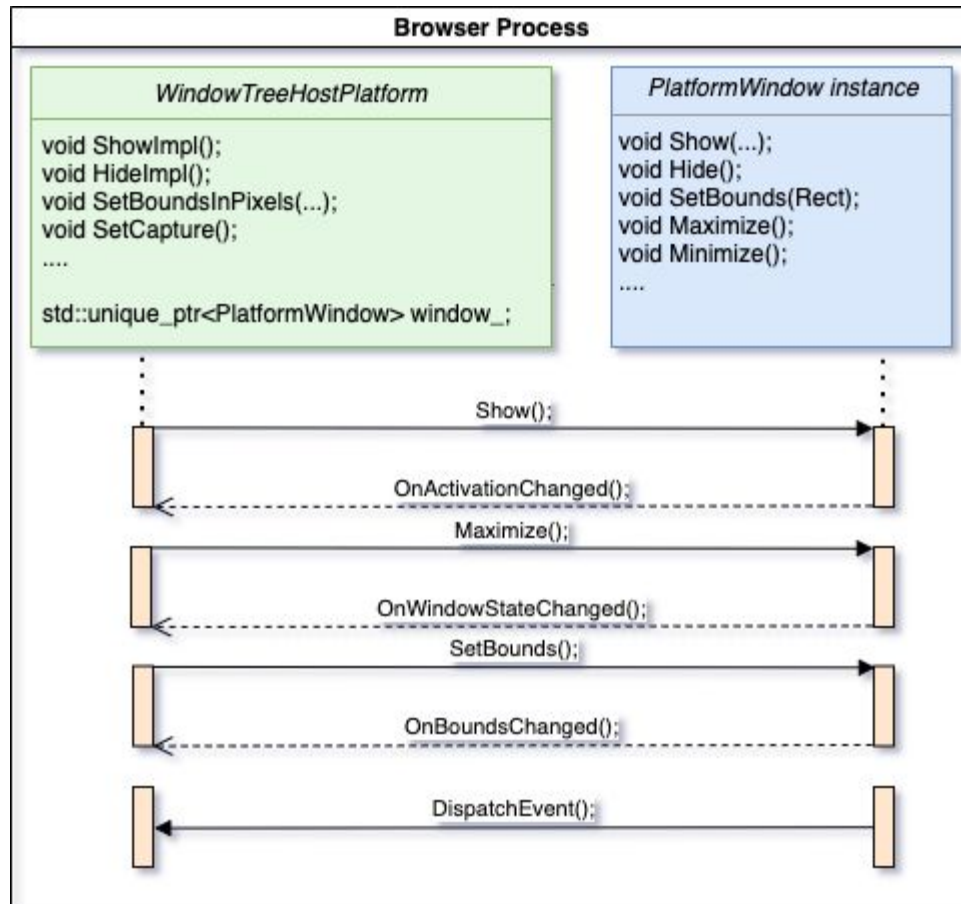




Aura/Ozone Interaction

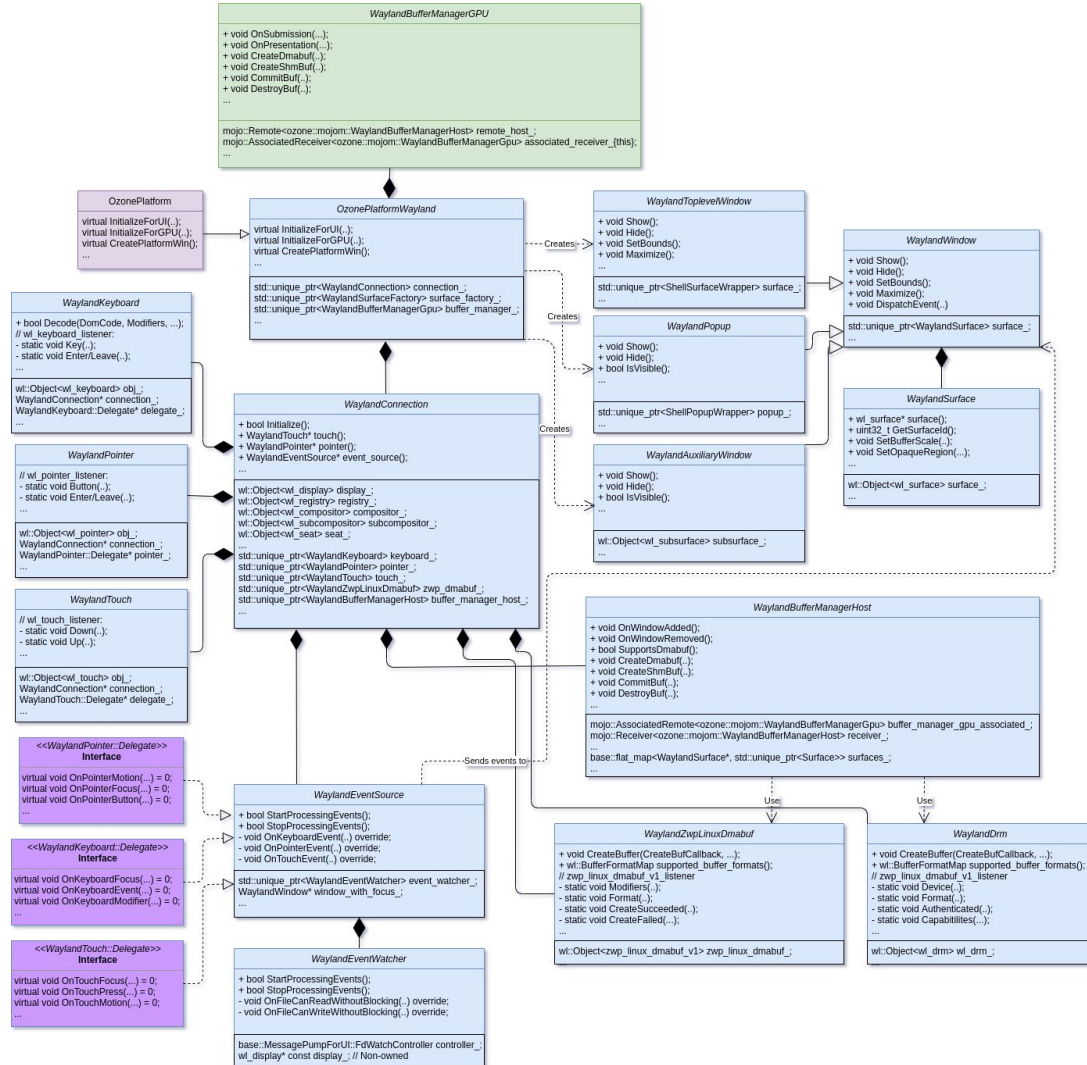






Design of Ozone/Wayland





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Ozone/Wayland Limitations



Ozone/Wayland Limitations

- **Wayland EGL**
 - Required access to WaylandConnection.
 - Could only be used with “in-process-gpu”.
- **Tab Dragging Feature**
 - Required additional extension.
 - Wasn't possible to use original Drag&Drop extension because of some Chromium's internal assumptions.



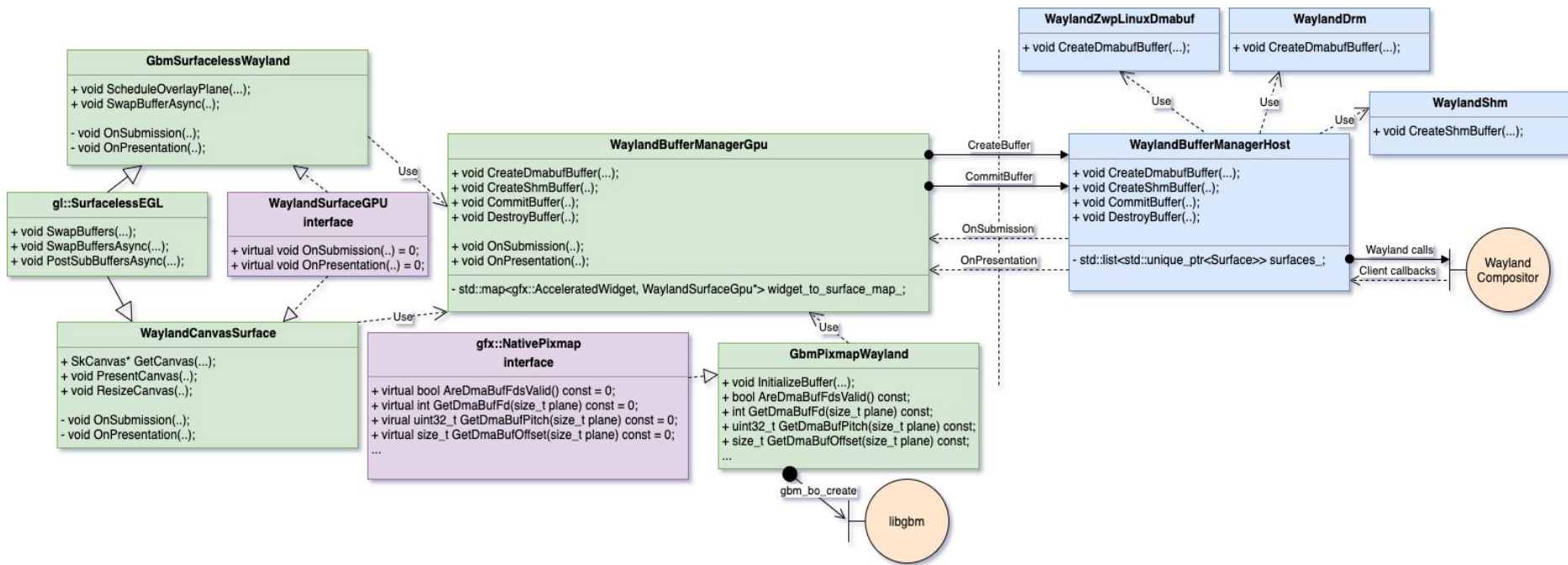
Limitation 1 - Graphics Pipeline



Graphics Design

- **Consists of GPU and Browser process side objects**
 - WaylandBufferManagerHost
 - WaylandBufferManagerGpu
- **Uses surfaceless drawing**
 - SurfacelessEGL
- **Uses Mojo for communication**
 - Associated pipe that ensures order of messages
- **Uses libgbm to create dmabuf**
 - Reused existing implementation from Ozone/Drm
- **Allows to reuse GpuMemoryBuffers framework without any modifications**
 - Ozone/Drm is the first user





Limitation 2 - Tab Dragging Feature



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- **Problem**

- Cannot properly “swallow” and “unswallow” a surface.
- Chromium uses a so-called “preview mode” for windows that are being dragged
- Existing DnD protocol has limited functionality

- **Solution**

- Implement protocol extension that would allow to reuse existing surface as a drag icon and allow a further reuse.

- **More details -**

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1s6OwTi_WC-pS21WLGQYI39yw2m42ZIVolUXBcljXB4/edit#heading=h.gjdqxs



Performance Comparison - non-Ozone/X11 vs Ozone/Wayland Raspberry Pi3 B+



fps: 24
canvas width: 1024
canvas height: 1024
Number of Fish
1
100
500
1000
5000
10000
15000
20000
25000
30000
Change View
Advanced
Options...



fps: 6
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Shipping of Ozone/Wayland



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- **Mostly all the features are in place except tab drag.**
- **Most test suites are exercised with ozone/wayland backend:**
 - Various browser, content browser tests, and unittests,
 - More test suites are to be enabled including gpu tests,
 - See [linux-ozone-rel](#) bot.
- **Ozone is part of Chrome releases since M87.**
 - Can be used with “*--enable-features=UseOzonePlatform --ozone-platform=wayland/x11*” runtime flag.
- **Ozone/Wayland cannot be shipped because of X11.**



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Bonus:

Migration of X11 to Ozone



Migration of X11 to Ozone

- **Started around May/June, 2019.**
- **Shared most of the non-Ozone/X11 implementation with Ozone/X11**
 - Including non-X11 specific bits that Ozone/Wayland could reuse
 - Like StatusIconDBus.
- **Switched Ozone from compile-time to runtime switch.**
 - Happened in September, 2020,
 - Can be tried with “*--enable-features=UseOzonePlatform --ozone-platform=wayland/x11*”.
- **Can be tracked at <https://crbug.com/789065>**



Thank you

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